



MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICAN PARTY

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Congressman Barney Frank
2252 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Frank:

In recent weeks we have heard a great deal from you and your Democrat colleagues about the importance of full representation for Massachusetts in the United States Congress.

In fact, in a September 9, 2009 letter from the entire Massachusetts Congressional Delegation to the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Law, you stated the following:

“While we strongly support filling this vacancy through a special election, we are concerned that during the more than four months before such election occurs, Massachusetts will be left without the full representation to which it is entitled, putting the resident of the Commonwealth at a disadvantage compared to other states.”

For this very same reason cited above, Beacon Hill Democrats are now “flip-flopping” and passing a bill to allow Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick to appoint an interim U.S. Senator—a direct contradiction to the stance adopted just five years ago under a Republican governor.

With your call for “full representation” for Massachusetts in mind, I was incredibly disappointed to see you missed an important vote yesterday on federal funding for the controversial non-profit ACORN, even though you had been on the House floor for another vote just half an hour prior.

ACORN receives massive federal funding—tens of millions of our taxpayer dollars. As the Congressman from Massachusetts you are accountable for our taxpayer dollars. Thus, in light of the ongoing scandal over ACORN’s handling of a request for assistance in buying a house for use in prostitution, I would think you might be concerned regarding the organization’s federal funding status.

Because it is critical and important that Massachusetts voters have "full representation" in Congress, would you please be so kind as to inform us why you missed the vote, and if you were there, how would you have voted?

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. Nassour". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" being more prominent and the last name "Nassour" following in a similar style.

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